

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Walter T. Gaines, #240407,	)	C/A No. 4:14-3444-RBH
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Petitioner,	)	
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vs.	)	
	)	ORDER
Warden, Lee Correctional Institution,	)	
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Respondent.	)	
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This case is before the Court because of Petitioner's failure to comply with the magistrate judge's Order of August 28, 2014. (ECF No. 4).

A review of the record indicates that the magistrate judge ordered Petitioner to submit items needed to render this case into proper form within twenty-one days, and specifically informed Petitioner that if he failed to do so, this case would be subject to dismissal. The Court has not received any response from Petitioner and the time for his compliance has passed.

The mail in which the Order was sent to Petitioner at the address provided when the case was filed has not been returned to the court, thus it is presumed that Petitioner received the Order, but has neglected to comply with it within the time permitted under the Order.

Petitioner's lack of response to the Order indicates an intent to not continue prosecuting this case, and subjects this case to dismissal. *See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)*(district courts may dismiss an action if a Petitioner fails to comply with "any order of the court."); *see also Ballard v. Carlson*, 882 F.2d 93, 95 (4th Cir. 1989)(dismissal with prejudice appropriate where warning given); *Chandler Leasing Corp. v. Lopez*, 669 F.2d 919, 920 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982)(court may dismiss *sua sponte*).

Accordingly, this case is dismissed *without prejudice*. The Clerk of Court shall close the file.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

October 8, 2014  
Florence, SC

s/R. Bryan Harwell  
The Honorable R. Bryan Harwell  
United States District Judge